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111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI

Minutes

Roll Call: Commissioner Michael Sheehan; Chair; Regina Allen; Alan Bond; Kellie Boyd; Lawrence Brooks, Vicente Castellanos; Charles Corwin; Kathleen Earle; Carl Field; Robyn Ford; Dale Gauthier; Carrie Harnish; Kathleen Johnston-Calati; Mary Jones; Victoria Laupp; Gerald McCole; Nicolette McClure; Pamela McKenna, John Murphy; Roy Pentilla; Jean Peters; Gene Pisha; Mary Lou Proefrock; Alice Snyder, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Thompson; Terry Vear; Susan Vick; Kathleen Williams-Newell; Ginny Wood-Broderick, Richard Zeck, and John Zimmerman

Excused: Nellie, Blue, Dale Gauthier; Grace Marshall; and Pamela McKenna

Guest Commissioner: Commissioner Gerald Irby

OSA Staff: Wendi Middleton, Carol Stangel, and Lauren Swanson

Commissioner Michael Sheehan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Carol Stangel called the roll. A quorum was present.

Recommended Actions:

Agenda: The State Advisory Council (SAC) approved the agenda as presented.

Minutes: The SAC approved the November 6, 2013, minutes as presented.

Introduction of the Council: Commissioner Sheehan welcomed Kathleen Johnston-Calati to the SAC. Kathleen is a former Commissioner. Following, Commissioner Sheehan asked SAC members to introduce themselves and to share with the SAC the most important new information each member learned during the SAC Workgroup conference calls.

Introduction of Guest Commissioner: Commissioner Sheehan introduced Commissioner Gerald Irby who is from Marquette. Commissioner Irby expressed his support that Kathleen Johnston-Calati has joined the SAC, and explained that he tries to attend a SAC meeting each year.

Old Business:

Commission Report--Commissioner Irby provided a brief report about the October 2013 Commission on Aging (CSA) meeting held in Lansing where the CSA approved the Prevention Grant Year One Carryover Funds for Diabetes Self-Management Master Training through Stanford University. Sherri King, OSA staff, requested approval to grant funds to Stanford University, the creator of the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, to conduct master trainings for diabetic's self-management programs. The trainings will be held at the Region 14 AAA, Senior Resources in Muskegon from April 21-25, 2014. The next Commission meeting and public hearing will be held at the Region IV AAA in St. Joseph on Friday, March 21, 2014. Commissioner Irby urged SAC members to attend.

OSA Report: Wendi Middleton, Division Director of the Program and Partnership Development Division provided the OSA report. The Governor recently recommended increased funding for elder abuse, MI Choice Waiver, and Home-Delivered Meals. It is hoped his proposal will stay in the final FY 2015 budget. The Office of Management and Budget is currently analyzing President Obama's budget and sequestration for home and congregate meals and elder abuse prevention initiatives. Kari is working with the Governor to prepare a message on key aging issues for the Governor to present in June 2014. Rhonda Powell has resigned and Kari is in the process of searching for a new deputy director. Nominations for Senior of the Year are now being accepted. Older Michiganian's Day is Tuesday, June 3, 2014. The telephone landlines legislation passed even though the Commission sent a letter to the Public Service Commission about the issues. SAC members may contact the Public Service Commission with any concerns.

New Business:

SAC Application Process—Lauren Swanson reviewed the process for applying to serve on the SAC. Current SAC members who would like to re-apply to continue serving on the SAC need to submit their application via e-mail or U.S. Mail by March 31, 2014. The SAC application is also on the OSA website, and applicants, from those regions who are not currently represented, are encouraged to apply. Regions currently without representation include Regions 3A, 3C, 4, and 14.

Vice-chairperson: Commission Sheehan explained that the SAC will elect a new vice-chairperson in June as Alice Snyder's term is over. He urged SAC members to consider submitting their name for consideration or recommending other SAC members with their permission to be considered for the vice-chairperson position.

F.O.C.U.S. Workgroup Reports: The F.O.C.U.S. Workgroup leads provided their preliminary reports to the SAC that summarized their review of baby boomer issues related to the five key topics—Financial Aspects—John Zimmerman, Options Counseling; Vicente Castellanos and Lauren Swanson; Caregiving, Chuck Corwin; Understanding the Positives of Aging, P. McKenna and John Murphy; and Support Services, Jean Peters and Lauren Swanson. The major issues were summarized on flip charts by vice-chairperson, Alice Snyder to be used in preparing the preliminary recommendations to the Commission in April and for the final report.

Discussion of a Preliminary Report to the Commission on Aging: Following a brief discussion and with each SAC members' input, it was decided that the issues captured on the flip charts during the morning meeting were sufficient to take to the Joint Commission and SAC meeting in April.

Next meeting: The SAC will meet Thursday, June 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.